

Noted by all DDD personnel
JHP

6 January 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Security of NSC Documents

1. The attached memorandum of 29 December 1953 for the National Security Council, subject as above, is transmitted to you for action deemed necessary. I attach also as Tab A an excerpt from the President's statement on 23 November 1953 to the NSC.

2. In an effort to insure that all CIA personnel, who have access to the content of Top Secret NSC papers, adhere to the instructions in the attached memorandum, it seems to me that the following measures should be taken:

a. Reproduce the attached instructional memorandum for the NSC.

b. Prepare the proper type CIA notice quoting the attached excerpt from the President's statement, referring to the 29 December memorandum for NSC, and including DCI's directive that the highest security standards will be followed on NSC papers and the procedures spelled out in the 29 December memorandum will be strictly and fully complied with.

c. Attach copies of the CIA notice to cover copies of the 29 December memorandum for NSC.


d. Disseminate the complete document referred to in a above to all CIA offices who now handle, or who may have occasion to handle and have access to the content of, any NSC paper.

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3. One of my assistants has discussed with the CIA Top Secret Control Officer the question of elimination of CIA's TS cover sheet, Form No. 38-13, from Top Secret NSC papers since such papers are now covered by a Top Secret Control and Signature Form when received from NSC Secretariat. The CIA Top Secret Control Officer agrees that: (a) signatures should be affixed to the NSC Top Secret Control Form only; (b) for record and control purposes within CIA, the document description and registry data should continue to be recorded on Form No. 38-13; and (c) Form No. 38-13 may be stapled to the back of the NSC Top Secret Control Form which covers each Top Secret NSC document. A sample is shown as Tab B.


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Attachments

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Distribution:

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1 - DCI (with TAB A)
1 - DD/A (with TAB A)
2 - DD/I (with TAB A) ✓
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EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT
TO
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
23 November 1953

"Because the national security has been prejudiced by past unauthorized disclosures of classified information contained in NSC documents or discussed at NSC meetings, I shall hold the heads of departments and agencies, which originate or receive classified NSC information, responsible for taking all practicable steps necessary to prevent further unauthorized disclosures. I wish that every Government official and employee having access to such classified documents and information would realize his personal responsibility to his country for preventing any unauthorized disclosures of classified defense information.

In the event of future unauthorized disclosures of classified NSC information, I intend to direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct investigations to identify the sources thereof in order that appropriate administrative action may be promptly taken."

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